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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 23, 2012

Good News!

September 23, 2012

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17–20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30–37

The day will come when an instruction I give my daughter—"Please make your bed," "Don't forget your lunch money," or "Stop hitting your brother over the head"—will go in one ear and out the other: Five minutes later the bed will be unmade, the lunch money forgotten, the brother still getting a bruising. I'm sure most parents have wondered how their child can misunderstand perfectly clear instructions.

I imagine Jesus felt similarly about his disciples in today's Gospel. Jesus teaches about his suffering and death—a time of utter vulnerability and humiliation. Yet not moments later, his disciples are arguing about who is the greatest—as if they hadn't heard anything he said. He must have been shocked. But as a good teacher, he reiterates his message with an example. He brings a child forth and actually identifies himself with the child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

In Jesus' time, those who were dependent and couldn't provide for themselves had no social status or importance. Children fall into that category. Jesus claimed to be one of the vulnerable and dependent—in stark contrast to his disciples' arguments about who is the greatest.

Today, who are the vulnerable people Jesus identifies with? Perhaps a single parent who relies on the welfare system for survival. Perhaps a lonely elderly woman plagued with illness in a nursing home. Perhaps the man who's a regular at your parish's food pantry. Do we recognize Jesus in these people, or do we dismiss them as burdensome to society as we seek more for ourselves?

Does Jesus need to reiterate his message to us again, just as he did to his disciples?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPT. 22 – 23 2012USHERS GROUP IIISATURDAY, SEPT. 22 –

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Clara Stygar request of Olga Delaney

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Christopher & Mae Magnano

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9 A.M. – Faith Formation – First Session

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Donald & +Barbara Sullivan request of Patricia & Peter Ruvolo

12:30 to 7:30 P.M. – Youth Explosion IV Retreat for Confirmation Students at St. Bernard in Uncasville

NO LITURGY OF THE HOURS in church this week – Evening Prayer and the Office of Readings can be obtained online by visiting <http://www.ebreviary.com/> and selecting Sundays and feast days, prayers; then 09/23/2012.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Christopher & Mae Magnano

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Christopher & Mae Magnano

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Ivan Dube (6th Aniv.) request of Solange Fournier

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 – No Mass

6:30 – 8:30 pm Theology of the Body for Teens at the Center

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 – No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 – ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2012

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

NEXT WEEKTWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMESEPT. 29 - 30 2012USHERS GROUP IVSATURDAY, SEPT. 29

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Clara Stygar request of Bozena Milozarek

Altar Servers: Stephanie Leiner, Maria Cinea

Lector: Kyle Toce

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck

Lector: Joel Cohan

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9 A.M. – Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Michal Czercowy, request of The Czercowy Family

Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy

Lector: Paul Brown

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

MONDAY, OCT 1 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, Oct 2 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCT 3 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, OCT 4 – No MassFRIDAY, OCT 5 – No MassSATURDAY, OCT. 6

ROSARY BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MASS

Last week's Offertory – September 16 – \$2,913

Last year's Offertory – September 18 – \$2,356

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer"=*sacred* and "facere"=*to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church.

SAINT MAURICE APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, October 14, 2012 at the Parish Center at 2:00 pm.

Father Wojciech would like to take this opportunity to personally invite those of you who have unselfishly given their time and efforts in support of the various ministries and events at St. Maurice. Your willingness to provide help whenever the need arose has been instrumental to our ongoing efforts in parish rebuilding. Please accept my sincere gratitude by joining me for dinner in appreciation of your help. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheets at the rear entrances of the church.

ST. MAURICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair uses over 100 lbs. of flour and over 100 lbs. of sugar, along with Crisco, molasses, chocolate and many other items in our mixes, pies and food sales. If you can help us with some flour and sugar it would help cut down our expenses. If it should ever happen that we receive more than we can use we donate it our holiday families. Thank you for your support.

We are collecting candle stubs of any type including those in jars for re-melting and use. Please leave in the back of the church

The Fair Group

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. For info or to register for the 4 session class call 860-889-8346 ext.283. Cost \$50 per couple.

Date : Fridays, Oct.5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30pm-8:45pm

Location: St Joseph's Church, RT.97, Occum

Twentieth Annual Mass for Firefighters/EMS

Personnel Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 at 5:00 PM

On Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Bishop Cote will celebrate Mass for all Firefighters/EMS personnel, in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Assembly at Chelsea Parade for the line-up and the procession of all personnel and apparatus will begin at 3:00 pm. All companies, departments, and personnel and their families are cordially invited to participate. For more information call Mrs. Ann Marie Osowski, 860-9294 X245.

Marriage Preparation

The Office of Family Life will be sponsoring an informational presentation for the mentoring couples from your parish who participate in the "Together in Love", the parish based marriage preparation program on: Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at St. Patrick Parish Hall, East Hampton. Parish couples please call for information or R.S.V.P. if you are able to attend. Call 869-889-8346, EXT. 283 or email: swilliams@ccfsn.org.

"Theology of the Body for Teens" New Middle School Edition

Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life Presentation

Sponsored by the Office of Family Life:

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 ~ 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. at St. Maurice Church Parish Center, Bolton.

This Introduction is intended for middle school and teen educators as well as home school parents who want to learn about and see materials on TOBTeens new Middle School Edition and the High School Edition. Learn how this new program based on the teachings of John Paul II can provide your teens with the knowledge and understanding they desire concerning God's plan for life and love. There is no charge. www.TOBforTeens.com website provides additional information. For info or to register contact Susan Williams at 860-889-8346 ext.283.

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If you are silently grieving after an abortion; then healing, forgiveness and peace can have a beginning with a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Retreats are for women and men who have been struggling emotionally and spiritually.

Retreat Sept. 28-30 in Litchfield, Ct.. Call Marie at 203-631-9030. www.rachelsvineyard.org

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